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JEFF SCOTT SOTO TOUR AT SABA MEMORIAL PARK, MAINE, APRIL 2009

Now THIS is really a first for me... 2 "LIVE CD" reviews in a row!!!

So let's be real here, is there any vocalist in the business busier than **Jeff Scott Soto**? From singing lead for his solo projects to fronting bands such as **EYES**, **TALISMAN** and even **JOURNEY!** to singing background on major releases by the likes of **Lita Ford**, **STRYPER**, **SLAUGHTER** or **DOKKEN**, you'll be hard pressed to find anyone's name listed more than **Jeff Scott Soto**! But there's good reason for all of that... this man is as versatile a vocalist as you can get with a range that can handle just about any style of music you can throw at him. **Carly Simon** once recorded **Marvin Hamlisch**'s composition "Nobody Does It Better" which referred to **Ian Flemming**'s immortal "super-spy" **James Bond**... but in the realm of lead vocalists, **Jeff Scott Soto** would be more than deserving of that theme song himself.

I guess I'm really starting to get use to "live" releases as this is THE first 4.5 star rating I have ever given to one and also one of the first "live" releases I have ever felt so strongly about.

Frontiers records is really starting 2010 off in style with the simultaneous live CD / DVD releases of **Jeff Scott Soto**'s "**One Night In Madrid**." This is just a tremendous release by one of the best in business with a production value that's second to none! The mix and sound quality is just superb providing the listener with a musical score that remains consistently bright and vibrant and **Soto**'s vocals are as sharp and crisp as you can get! This is one you can definitely feel free to crank up to the max on your system!

Now with such a large library of songs to choose from, **Soto** could have reached into his extensive repertoire and gone the route of including hits he's performed with other bands like **Yngwie**, **Axel Rudi Pell** or even **JOURNEY**... but he didn't. Instead and happily, "**One Night In Madrid**" is all about **Soto** and a career that's fast approaching almost three decades!

The set list includes solo-release favorites like "Drowning," "Holding On," and the crowd favorite "Soul Divine"... and there's certainly no shortage of songs from **Soto**'s last studio release "**Beautiful Mess**" as he and the band rip through seven tracks off that CD including "Testify," "Mountain," "Broken Man," a show-stopping rendition of "Gin & Tonic Sky," "Our Song" and "21st Century" which gets the whole concert rolling with an absolute blast of adrenaline. Then, of course, **Soto** reaches back into the archives performing **TALISMAN** selections like "Frozen," an absolutely stellar version of "I'll Be Waiting," "Just Between Us" and another crowd pleaser in "Colour My XTC." I was also very excited to hear "Nobody Said It Was Easy" from the **EYES** self-titled release and my personal favorite of **Soto**'s projects.

And that's just the music!!!

The DVD is a visual feast which includes every moment of live footage from the concert. From the heart-pounding rhythm section of **Fernando Mainer** and **Edu Cominato** to the searing riffs of **Jorge Salan** to the masterful acoustics and keys of **BJ** and straight on through **Soto** himself... you won't miss a beat of a drum or a single drop of sweat. And if that isn't enough to satisfy your appetites, the DVD also includes numerous music videos which I really enjoyed... especially since actually seeing a music video here in the States (never mind one from **Jeff Scott Soto!**) is a rarity in itself! Then the DVD also includes other bonus footage as well as a tribute to **Marcel Jacob**... a long time friend and band mate of **Soto**'s who passed away back in July of 2009.

Now don't get me wrong... it's not all "perfect," per say. **Soto**'s voice can be a bit "shaky" from time to time... during his cover of **SEAL**'s "Crazy" for example... but that's one of the things I actually love about these discs... it is what it is... "LIVE!" There're no edits, no cheap voice overs... just a passionate and energetic performance by a talented artist.

Whether you pick up the DVD, the CD or BOTH!, you just can't miss with "**One Night In Madrid**. **Soto** fans will absolutely LOVE this and fans of the genre will be challenged to find a better live CD/ DVD out there. Don't let this one pass you by!

## Band Lineup:

- **Jeff Scott Soto** - Lead Vocals
- **Jorge Salan** - Lead Guitar/ Vocals
- **BJ** - Rhythm & Acoustic Guitars/ Keyboards/ Vocals
- **Fernando Mainer** - Bass/ Vocals
- **Edu Cominato** - Percussion/ Vocals

## Track Listing:

- CD 1:**
  - Intro
  - 21st Century
  - Colour My XTC
  - Soul Divine
  - Our Song
  - Drowning
  - (Edu Drum Solo)
  - Funky Jam
  - (Jorge Guitar Solo)
  - Mountain
  - Eyes Of Love
  - Testify
  - (Band Introductions)
  - Broken Man
- CD 2:**
  - Hey
  - Frozen/ Crazy
  - Piano Medley:
    - If This Is The End
    - Holding On
    - Nobody Said It Was Easy
    - 4U
    - -Just Between Us
  - Gin & Tonic Sky
  - JSS/Jorge Workshop
  - I'll Be Waiting
  - ENCORE-
  - Stand Up
  - Funky Medley:
    - We Will Rock You
    - I Love Rock & Roll
    - Play That Funky Music
    - Jungle Boogie
    - The Roof Is On Fire
    - Brick House
    - Shake Your Booty
    - Kung Fu Fighting
    - Yo Baby Yo
    - Macho Man
    - The Right Stuff
    - Ice Ice Baby
    - Stayin' Alive
    - Another One Bites The Dust
    - Walk This Way
- DVD Features:
  - o \*Music Videos
    1. 21st Century Man
    2. Gin & Tonic Sky
    3. Gin & Tonic Sky (Piano Version)
    4. Hey
    5. Holding On
    6. Believe In Me
    7. If This Is The End
    8. Eyes Of Love
  - o Other Features
    - "Goofballs" 1 - 6 Tour Footage (videos)
    - Marcel Jacob Tribute

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